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EXPORT BY APEDA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether APEDA has been striving to expand its products-mix by exploring the possibility of export of Gherkins and other agro-produce; (

(b) if so, whether APEDA has any plans to organise export of Gherkins, Mangoes, Rose, Onions and Passion Fruit etc. from Karnataka; (

(c) if so, the quantum of above items purchased by APEDA in Karnataka for export; (

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to set up an integrated exported export processing zone under APEDA for agri-produce and flori culture products in Karnataka; and (

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)to (c) : Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is not directly involved in exporting agro products but only assists the exporters through its various schemes and promotional activities such as for quality improvement, infrastructure development, export promotion and market development. As such it does not purchase any agro products for export. State-wise export data is not maintained. However, from the information available from APEDA, exports of gherkins, mangoes, roses and onions from Karnataka do take place. However, there has not been any commercial scale production and export of passion fruit from Karnataka.

(d)and (e) : No specific proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for setting up of Agri Export Processing Zone for agro and floriculture products under APEDA.